



Bishop William B. Derrick, D.D.

A. M. E. Church

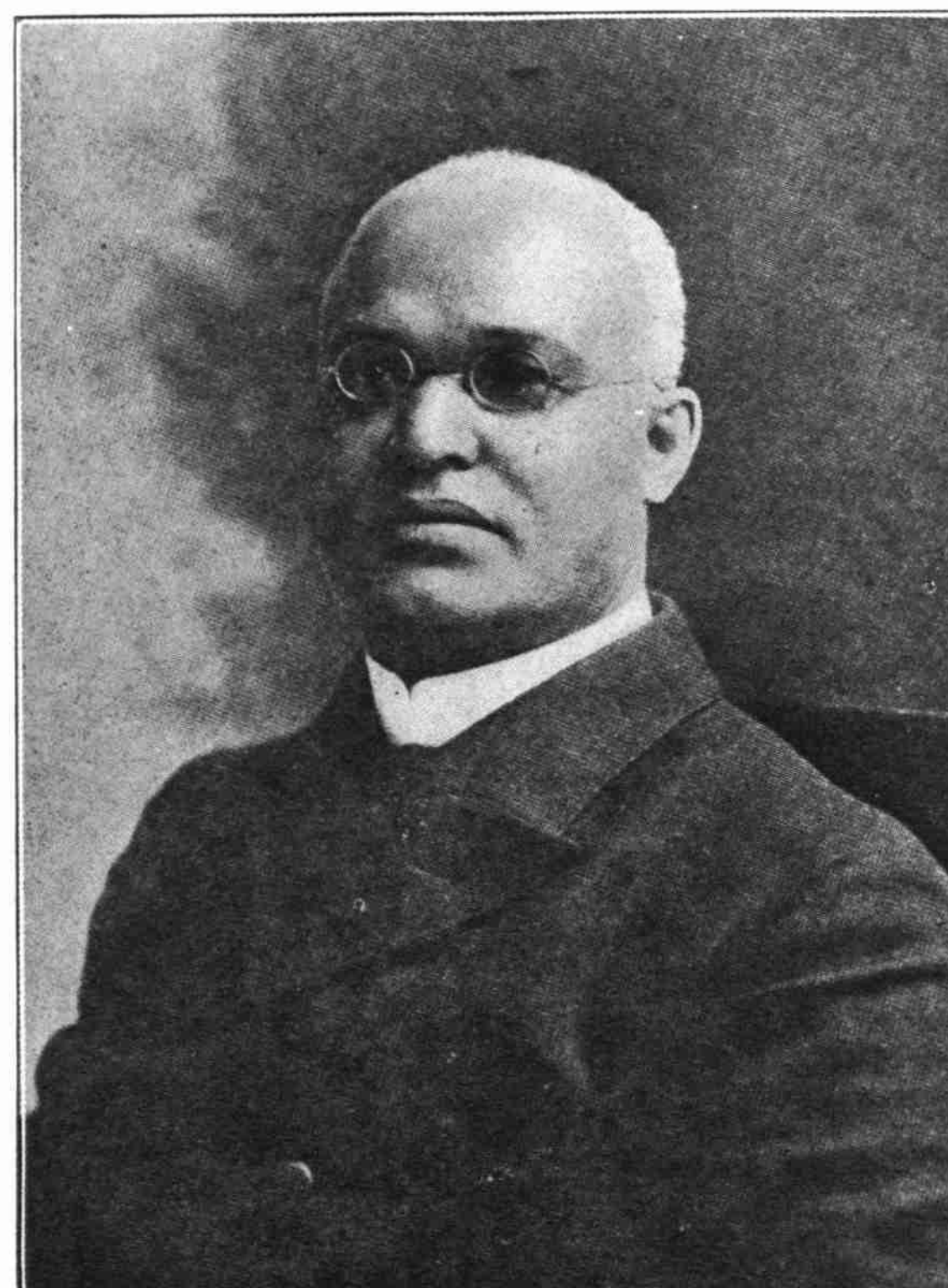
Residence: Flushing, N. Y.

BISHOP DERRICK was born July 27, 1843, in Antigus, West Indies. He came to the United States when a boy and entered the naval service. This was at about the beginning of the Civil War, and he remained in the service until 1865. He was aboard one of the vessels of the fleet that was attacked and nearly destroyed by the *Merrimac*.

He was converted at an early age. He united with the Protestant Episcopal Church. Upon meeting Bishop John M. Brown, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, he transferred his membership to that church, where he received license as a local preacher. In 1867 he was received into the Virginia Conference and assigned to work in the mountains of that state. He taught a country school during the week and preached on the sabbath.

He rose rapidly in the ministry, and became pastor of the Third Street Church, Richmond, Va. Afterward he was pastor of the A. M. E. Church, Sullivan Street, New York City. Here he made a name for himself as a pulpit orator. He was secretary of the missionary department of the church twelve years.

In 1896, he was elected bishop, his vote being one of the largest ever given any man for that office. He is now serving the Pittsburg and Ohio conferences. After repeated efforts to plant an A. M. E. Church in South Africa, Bishop Derrick visited that country and succeeded in obtaining the permission of the government for the church to carry forward its work.



Bishop Charles S. Smith, D.D.

A. M. E. Church

Residence: Detroit, Mich.

BISHOP SMITH was born in Calborne, Canada, November 16, 1852. He was converted, and united with the church in Kentucky, in 1859. He was licensed to preach at Jackson, Miss., in 1871, and joined the traveling connection in 1872. He was ordained a deacon in 1873 and an elder in 1875.

Before entering the ministry he had taken a medical course and received his degree of M.D. The call to the ministry was so forcibly impressed upon him that he dropped the practice of medicine and gave his entire time to preaching. He took rank among the great preachers of the connection. He is gifted in debate and is a magnetic orator. He has traveled extensively and has crossed the ocean a number of times. His book, "Glimpses of Africa," gives vivid pictures of life in the Dark Continent.

Bishop Smith was the organizer and manager of the Sunday-school department of the church at Nashville, Tenn. He held the position for sixteen years and built up a splendid institution for the young people of the church. To-day the Sunday-school publications of the denomination are printed by their own presses, run by their young men and women, and thousands of dollars' worth are published every month in this department organized by Dr. Smith.

He was elected bishop at the General Conference held at Columbus, Ohio, in May, 1900, and is now in charge of the largest episcopal district in the connection, — that of the state of Georgia.